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For *Methods of Predicting Mortality Risk by  
Determining Telomere Length*

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2007 and a petition for a three month extension of time is filed herewith, thus making it a timely response.

Although Applicant does not believe any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, including extension fees, additional claim fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Attorney Docket No. 067629-5011-US).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.